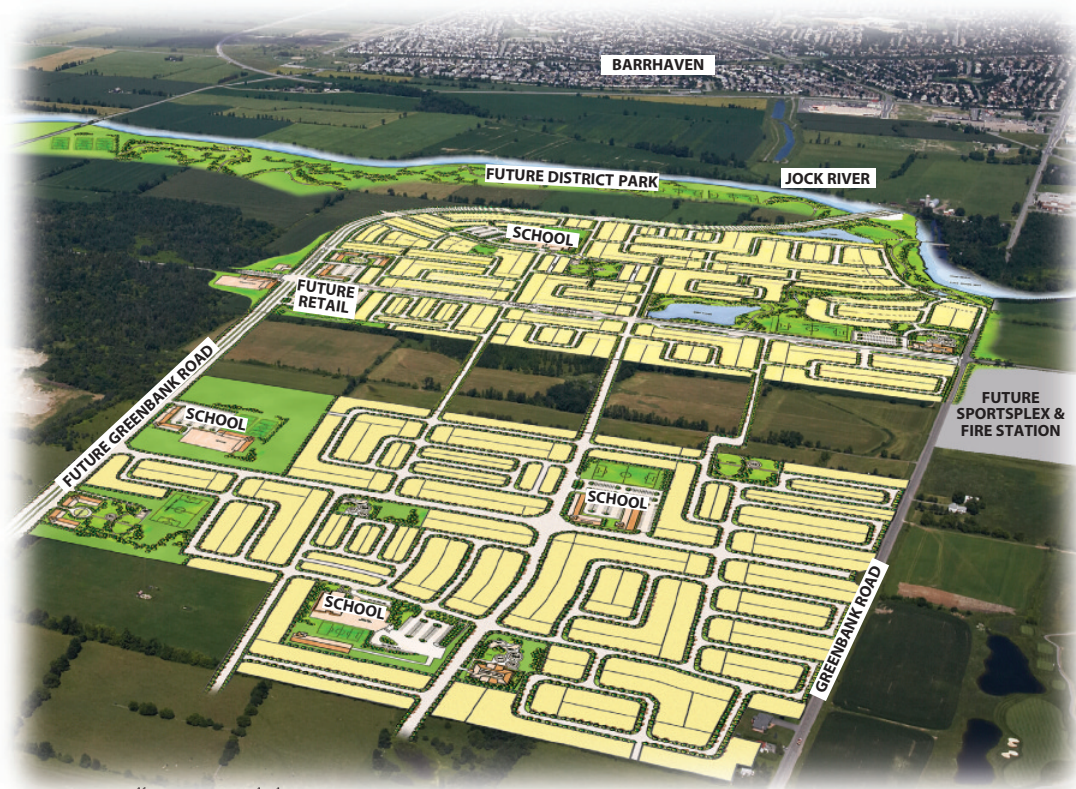


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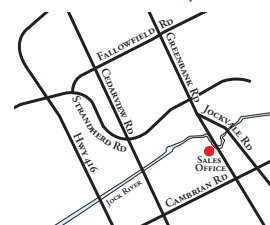
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Letter threatens charge of 'treason'

The former Libyan Consul to Canada, Ihab El-Mismari, received a threatening letter Tuesday after resigning and making critical statements in a Canadian Libyan Council press release against the Libyan Embassy in Ottawa, a relative of the official says.

According to El-Mismari's cousin, Balqees Mihirig, an embassy staff member came to his house twice on Tuesday to de-

mand he return his car to the embassy. Mihirig said El-Mismari's wife called police after the staff member showed up the second time and delivered the letter.

"Ihab resigned February 20 and there was no mention of the vehicle until he made a statement against the embassy," said Mihirig, who visited her cousin after the incident.

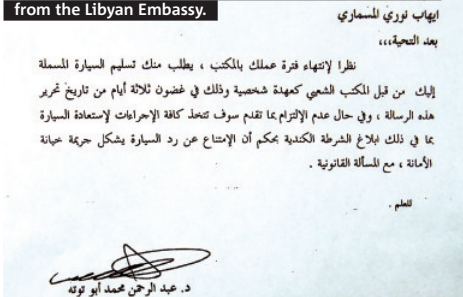
She said the letter stated that El-Mismari will be

charged with the "crime of treason" if the car is not returned within three days.

"They're using the vehicle as an excuse to go to their home and intimidate them," alleged Mihirig, who says her cousin is now afraid for his family's safety.

Ottawa police did not confirm nor deny the case. The Libyan Embassy could not be reached for comment. **JOE LOFARO**

▶ A copy of the letter allegedly sent to Ihab El-Mismari from the Libyan Embassy.



Protesters call for social good over good returns

▶ University pension fund holdings in Motorola, BAE Systems, Northrop Grumman and Tesco under attack



STEVE COLLINS
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Neither side seems ready to give up in a dispute over Carleton University's pension fund investments, which saw protesters shut down a board of governors meeting Tuesday.

Some students object to investments in companies that do significant business with Israel.

"Our goal from the beginning, when we launched our divestment campaign, was to have the board of governors divest their stock from the four companies that we outlined and to implement and adopt a socially responsible investment policy," said Reem Buhaisi of Students Against Israeli Apartheid.

The university said it takes social responsibility into account, but has a duty to secure good returns for pension-holders.

"The board of governors will now determine next steps so that members can address the issues that were on yesterday's agenda," said Carleton spokesman Jason MacDonald.

Farnam Bidgoli, an analyst with Jantzi-Sustainalytics, said divestment has its drawbacks.

"Divestment is definitely a part of the investor toolbox, but it's very much a nuclear option," she said, because shareholders are in the best position to influence corporate behaviour.

"Once you divest, you lose that voice with the company."



▶ Yafa Jarrar leads protesters in chants during Tuesday's rally at Carleton.



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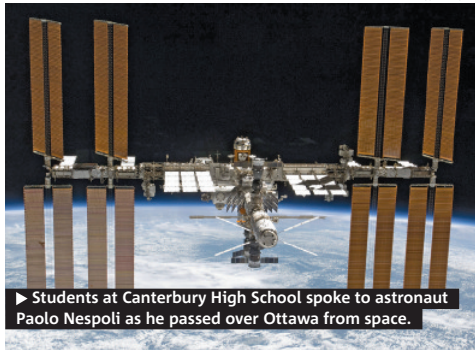
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Chatting from space

► Ottawa students quiz astronaut with specialized radio equipment, get a view of life in space ► Student Shalini Nanayakkara gives first-hand account

It's not every day that an astronaut from a space station has his voice projected in an auditorium in a high school in Ottawa. This is exactly what happened yesterday at

10:56 a.m. at Canterbury High School, when Italian astronaut Paolo Nespoli passed over Ottawa in the International Space Station.

For 10 minutes, Grade 9

students could ask Nespoli questions about living in space.

The ambience was set with the Canterbury band playing Thus Spake Zathustra, the theme of 2001: A Space Odyssey.

As a video of a shuttle tour played, it began to sink in that we were actually going to talk to a man who is not within the Earth's atmosphere. It also sank in that this was a huge privilege.

The whole auditorium simultaneously took in a

breath as we heard the rustling static and the astronaut's voice in the midst of it.

His answers to questions like "What is the most drastic change you experience from being away from Earth?" made me really think about the things we take for granted, like the amount of water we use (they can only use droplets at a time in space) and the feel of the wind and rain here on Earth.

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Students start campaign

Zach Dayler announced the launch of a social media campaign targeting education and student voting. For more information, visit studentsneedtovote.ca

Firefighters called to control fire

Ottawa firefighters were battling a large grass fire in Merrickville, south of Ottawa last night.

At least 14 fire trucks and 50 firefighters were trying to control a blaze that consumed at least eight hectares. Police closed Paden Road between Dwyer Hill Road and Weedmark Road. There were no reports of injuries.

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Man faces sex assault charges

An Ottawa man appeared in court yesterday to face numerous sexual assault charges.

Peter R. Paul Cumming, 59, was arrested Tuesday and has been charged with two counts of sexual assault, three counts of invitation to sexual touching, five counts of sexual interference and two counts of assault with a weapon. ● JOE LOFARO

Cops call for probe into crash

Ottawa police have called in the Ontario Special Investigations Unit to investigate a two-car collision

at the intersection of Highway 174 and Trim Road yesterday morning.

Paramedics treated a 28-year-old man for a head injury and fractured collarbone.

He was listed in serious but stable condition in hospital. ● STEVE COLLINS

STEVE COLLINS/FOR METRO



►The Canadian Cancer Society's Dawn Cooper outfits volunteer Randall Kelly with one of the new daffodil pins.

Cancer gets pinned with new daffodils

► Lady Flora McRae Eaton held the first daffodil tea fundraisers in the 1950s ► Sales of the pins help support cancer research and patient support services

STEVE COLLINS
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The daffodil, emblem of the Canadian Cancer Society, is getting an update this year in the form of a bright yellow daffodil pin, which will eventually replace live flowers.

"To us it is a symbol of hope," said Dawn Cooper, manager of the Society's Ottawa unit. "We launched

65,000
people in Ontario are
diagnosed with cancer
every year.

the pin this year because it's more permanent, more portable, and we can actually wear it around and carry it with us hopefully for the whole month of April in honour of people that we know and love

that are dealing with cancer."

Sales of more perishable live daffodils, she said, have declined in recent years, so for this year's April campaign, volunteers at 45 locations in Ottawa will be selling the pins to raise money and awareness.

Volunteers are still needed, and you can sign up by calling 613-723-1744 ext. 3618.

POLICE INVESTIGATION

Woman sexually assaulted while jogging

Police are investigating a nighttime sex assault on a woman who was jogging on Lynda Lane north of Billings Avenue Tuesday.

A man jumped out between two parked cars, knocked her down and

inappropriately touched her. The woman fought back and the male fled. He was last observed near the tree line at Billings Park. The woman sustained minor injuries as a result of the attack.

The suspect is described as a white male, 30 to 40 years old and five feet eight inches tall, with a medium build, short dark hair and a neck warmer over his face.

Anyone with information is asked to contact the Ottawa Police Sexual Assault/Child Abuse Section at 613-236-1222 ext. 5944. ● METRO

Couple accused of animal cruelty

The Ottawa Humane Society has charged a couple with cruelty after they delayed seeking care for their dog for financial reasons.

The OHS said the dog had cancer and suffered from mobility problems. The couple could face a maximum fine of \$60,000, and a maximum sentence of two years in jail.

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NADBANK FIGURES

Metro Ottawa reaches 82,100 every day

As total daily newspaper readership holds steady, Metro Ottawa continues to grow, according to results released yesterday by the Newspaper Audience Databank (NADbank).

Metro Ottawa now reaches 82,100 daily and 200,400 weekly readers in the Ottawa-Gatineau CMA, according to the NADbank 2010 results. In comparison to

2009 results, this represents an increase of 1,100 daily readers (one per cent) and 28,600 weekly readers (17 per cent).

"Metro Ottawa readership has seen an increase of 17 per cent, and the second-highest market increase with weekly readership in the Ottawa area," says Bill McDonald, president of Metro English Canada and publisher of Metro Ottawa.

"Why? Continuous innovation — increased coverage of news that matters to readers, fresh new columnists, enhanced distribution strategies and creative marketing initiatives have all contributed to readership growth."

● METRO

PM says he's right about the cost of F-35s

Stephen Harper stands by his cost estimate for the F-35 stealth fighters.

The prime minister made the declaration yesterday, even though the Pentagon's latest estimate for the version of the fighter jet Canada intends to buy is double what the Tories have projected.

The Defence Department has said it will pay between \$70 million and \$75 million US for each aircraft, a figure the parliamentary budget officer has disputed.

The U.S. Government Accountability Office this month pegged the cost between \$110 million and \$115 million per plane.

Harper says there are cost increases in the U.S.

program that have no impact on Canada and he's confident about the numbers he has been given by officials. "All the information suggests we're well within the cost estimates for these jets, which we need," Harper said.

Canada's CF-18 fighter jets, which the Joint Strike Fighter is meant to replace, will soon reach the end of their service life, he warned.

"We've been involved in a 15-year procurement process and all of the information we have from our aerospace industry, from our National Defence officials is that these costs are well within our estimates and well on track."

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Angry May warns she'll go to court

► Federal Green party Leader Elizabeth May speaks to the media in Vancouver yesterday.

Green party leader 'shocked' she's shut out of leaders' debate

MATT KIELTYKA
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Federal Green party Leader Elizabeth May is determined to have her way.

Whether by stirring up public outrage or taking action through the courts, May is challenging head-on the television networks that shut her out of an upcoming leaders' debate.

"The airwaves are not the private domain of the media consortium," May said at a news conference in Vancouver.

"I'm shocked by this decision. Because of a programming decision, they've decided the Greens should not be at the debate."

The Saanich-Gulf Islands candidate in B.C. is hoping a public outcry will be enough to have broadcasters change their

"It's anti-democratic. Almost one million people voted for us in the last election."

GREEN LEADER ELIZABETH MAY

minds.

But she says she's willing to take her fight to court if she has to.

"What's at stake here are not the fortunes of the Green party, but whether Canada has a full, healthy, modern democracy," May said.

The party has hired a Charter of Rights lawyer to argue its case.

"We're seeing a groundswell but if we have to, we can get to court on an emergency basis to get a ruling before the debate takes place," said May, adding: "If we don't see a reversal, we will be forced to go to court."

**Iggy would boost pensions, banish fear**

The Liberals are promising a suite of measures to boost pensions and help Canadians save for retirement.

Michael Ignatieff announced the three-pronged plan yesterday in Vancouver, where he sought to contrast what he called Stephen Harper's fearmongering with his

"I'm in politics to take fear away, to take the fear out of Canadian life."

LIBERAL LEADER MICHAEL IGNATIEFF

own message of "hope."

"Mr. Harper is running this campaign on fear, trying to make Canadians afraid of everything," Ignatieff said.

He added: "One of the things Canadians are

frightened of is, 'Will I have enough money to retire on in decency?'"

Ignatieff says the Liberals will work with the provinces to expand Canada Pension Plan benefits.

He's also promising a

voluntary supplement to the CPP called the Secure Retirement Option that would let people save an extra five to 10 per cent of their pay in a CPP-backed fund.

And the Liberals plan to boost the Guaranteed Income Supplement, or GIS, by \$700 million a year.

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Gadhafi makes gains despite western strikes

- Ground forces take strategic oil town from rebels
- Libya's troops adopt new evasion tactics, officials say

Moammar Gadhafi's ground forces recaptured a strategic oil town yesterday and moved within striking distance of another major eastern city, nearly reversing the gains rebels made since international airstrikes began.

Rebels pleaded for more help, while a U.S. official said government forces are making themselves harder to target by using civilian "battle wagons" with makeshift armaments instead of tanks.

Western powers kept up the pressure to force Gadhafi out with new airstrikes in other parts of Libya, hints that they may arm the opposition and intense

Flight or fight

Diplomats tried to persuade Moammar Gadhafi to leave without military force.

- Uganda appeared to be the first country to publicly offer Gadhafi refuge. A spokesman for Uganda's president told The Associated Press that he would be welcome there.
- Libyan Foreign Minister Moussa Koussa left Tunisia for London after a two-day visit shrouded in secrecy. The report did not say why, and a British official said the report was "the first I've heard of it."

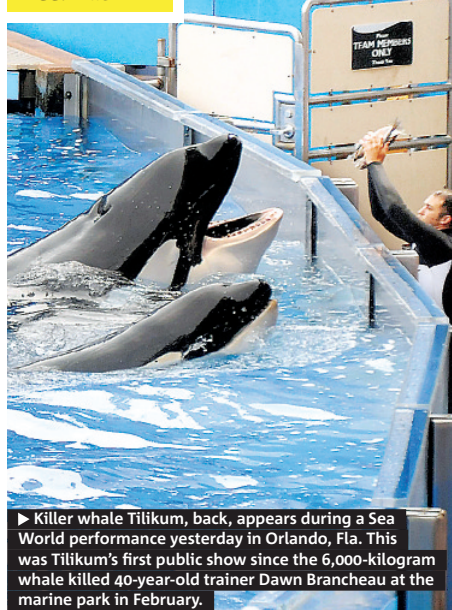
negotiations behind the scenes to find a country to give haven to Libya's leader of more than 40 years.

Airstrikes have neutralized Gadhafi's air force and pounded his army, but his ground forces remain far better armed, trained and organized than the opposition.

Gadhafi's forces also have adopted a new tactic in light of the pounding airstrikes — leaving behind tanks and armoured vehicles in favour of a "gaggle" of "battle wagons": Minivans, sedans and SUVs fitted with weapons, a senior U.S. intelligence official said.

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Free. Killer



► Killer whale Tilikum, back, appears during a SeaWorld performance yesterday in Orlando, Fla. This was Tilikum's first public show since the 6,000-kilogram whale killed 40-year-old trainer Dawn Brancheau at the marine park in February.

GERARDO MORA/GETTY IMAGES

Tilikum swims again

The killer whale that drowned a trainer last year at SeaWorld in Orlando is performing for the first time since the death. SeaWorld officials said Tilikum participated in the marine park's "Believe" show yesterday morning. Trainers remained out of the pool before a 5,000-person crowd at Shamu Stadium.

Blood donor rules change due to mad cow variant

Canadian Blood Services says it will begin excluding potential blood donors if they spent a total of six months or more in Saudi Arabia between 1980 and 1996.

It decided on the new policy after a probable case of variant Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease — the human form of mad cow disease — turned up in a Canadian resident who lived in Saudi Arabia between 1980 and 1996.

A question about time spent in Saudi Arabia will be added to the blood donor questionnaire.

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Currently, people may not donate blood or plasma if they spent a cumulative total of three months or more in the U.K. or France between 1980 and 1996.

FDA studies food dye and hyperactivity link

The FDA is examining the link between dyes found in everyday foods and hyperactivity in children.

At a two-day meeting starting yesterday, an FDA advisory committee will decide whether available data links the dyes and the disorder. The panel will recommend today whether the

agency should further regulate dyes, do more studies on the issue or require better labelling of the additives. They could also recommend that the FDA do nothing at all.

The FDA has so far said there is no proven relationship between food dyes and hyperactivity in most chil-

"Dyes would not be missed in the food supply except by the dye manufacturers."

MICHAEL JACOBSON, CENTER FOR SCIENCE IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST

dren. But the agency said that for "certain susceptible children," hyperactivity and other behavioural problems

may be exacerbated by food dyes and other substances.

Public health advocates like the Center for Science in the Public Interest agree that dyes do not appear to be the underlying cause of hyperactivity, but say that the effects of dyes on some children is cause enough to ban the additives. The FDA

is holding the meeting in response to a 2008 petition filed by the advocacy group to ban several dyes.

Michael Jacobson, the director of that group, conceded that banning the dyes would be difficult, urging the FDA to at least put warnings on food labels.

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Colour blocking

Dyes make junk food more attractive to children, public advocates say.

- Scientists have debated this for more than 30 years.
- Manufacturers use fewer dyes in European foods.

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▶ Japan's Emperor Akihito and Empress Michiko, left, talk to tsunami evacuees at a Tokyo shelter yesterday.

Now Japan fears for its seafood

► Nation that gave the world sushi is facing a new radiation worry ► But officials say it's safe to eat fish

Crisis-hit Japan faced a new worry yesterday: Contaminated seafood.

Fears about seafood spread despite reassurances that radiation in the waters off Japan's troubled nuclear plant poses no health risk.

Experts said radioactive particles are unlikely to build up significantly in fish.

But the seafood concerns in the country that gave the world sushi are yet another blemish for Brand Japan.

It has already been hit

270

Tests yesterday showed that waters 270 metres outside the Fukushima nuclear plant contained 3,355 times the legal limit for the amount of radioactive iodine.

by contamination of milk, vegetables and water after the massive March 11 quake and tsunami.

In stores near Tokyo's famed Tsukiji fish market,

fresh fish was selling poorly.

Customers "are stockpiling" frozen fish in the hopes it was caught before radiation began to climb, said a worker.

Meanwhile, Japan's Emperor Akihito and Empress Michiko visited disaster evacuees at a centre in Tokyo yesterday.

"I felt that they were really concerned about us," said Kenji Ukito, an evacuee from a region near the plant.

"I was very grateful."
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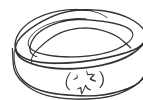
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HMV Canada fine-tuning its stores

► Redesigned chain to include more listening stations, interactive features ► Battling digital download sites

HMV Canada is getting a facelift to lure new business as the company's British owner considers selling off its 125 Canadian stores.

The redesigned locations will sell a wider variety of products such as T-shirts, video games and headphones, and will have new fixtures and colour schemes. The first two remodelled stores will open in the Toronto area at the end of next month.

HMV Canada president Nick Williams says the stores will offer more opportunities for customers to try out products before they buy.

"We will start to bring in

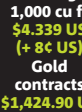
more interactive guest environments, and the video game section allows us to do that quite positively," Williams said, adding that the company will expand its music-listening stations to allow customers to test headphones available for purchase.

"There aren't many retailers that do that. Most of them just sell it off a peg," he said.

The company is also continuing to expand its non-music-related products to generate different sources of income and appeal to a broader group of customers.

The British parent is struggling with more than

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\$200 million in debt as a result of increased competition from digital download websites. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Risqué. Business



► Inside out at the Toronto Stock Exchange yesterday. From left, Prostate Cancer Canada's Tammy Dean, senior co-ordinator of community events; Catherine Patterson, manager of marketing and communications; co-chairs Peter Shippen and Boris Novansky; Metro Canada president and publisher Bill McDonald; and Mark Brender, vice-president of business development with Prostate Cancer Canada.

MARK BLINCH

Caught with their pants down

You could say they hold no brief with cancer: More than 350 business leaders dropped their drawers for the cure last night at the second annual Pants Off for Prostate Cancer Canada. The innovative fundraiser, sponsored in part by presenting media sponsor Metro Canada, was held at Toronto's Burroughes Building. One in six Canadian men will be diagnosed with the disease, and that number is expected to rise to one in four. Prostate Cancer Canada raises funds for awareness and education programs as well as advocacy and support for those affected, and research into prevention, detection and treatment of prostate cancer. The ultimate goal is a cure. For more information, go to prostatecancer.ca.




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IT'S NO LONGER A TAXING SITUATION

He says ...

JOHN MAZEROLLE



I've decided that from now on I will embrace tax time.

If I get stuck on a convoluted tax form filled with Rumsfeldian unknown unknowns, I will accept it as a moment of Zen, staring into an emptiness I cannot begin to understand.

If the government sends me a message that my taxes were completed incorrectly, I will welcome it as the annual tradition it is — a family postcard from Big Brother.

And if I get audited, then I shall enjoy the warm childhood memories of being curled up in the fetal position.

Taxes are all about how you look at them. I have thought on multiple occasions that, though death and taxes are two sure things in life, at least death only

happens once.

But, as tax season begins, I have revised my opinion as can be seen on schedule T1-ADJ T1

Adjustment Request Form, which is attached to your copy of Metro.

I am filing my change of heart under: "If you can't beat them, join them," because, like most people, I can't actually improve my tax experience because I don't understand my tax experience.

I fill out the boxes and get a response, yes, but it doesn't mean anything to me. I might as well

be shaking a Revenue Canada eight-ball that says, "All signs point to amount owing."

Sure, I can use an accountant, but that's just handing it off to a person who will give me advice that I will pretend to understand. I will then respond with a thoughtful "uh-huh" that I hope adequately dresses up my actual thought, which is, "Huh?"

I can't cheat on my taxes, either. I've known people who would gladly write off condoms if they were sleeping their way to the top, but economic deception

has never been an option for me. I couldn't cheat on my taxes any more than I could cheat on an exam written in Sanskrit.

So all that's left is accepting my plight. I will think of my taxes in a positive light, because what other choice do I have? I see it this way now: I go into a tax office, I give a strange person papers that I don't understand, and in return that person usually gives me hundreds, sometimes thousands, of dollars in return.

Pretty sweet, right?

Right?

If this new approach doesn't work out for me, I'll be in the fetal position. It's my own choice of tax shelter.

"Taxes are all about how you look at them. I have thought on multiple occasions that, though death and taxes are two sure things in life, at least death only happens once."



Read more of John Mazerolle's columns at metronews.ca/hesays

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Feline's powerful purr

Worth mentioning

A British community college has recorded a house cat named Smokey whose lawnmower-like purr hit 73 decibels, which is 16 times louder than the average feline.

Northampton College in central England said yesterday it received a request from Smokey's owner, Ruth Adams, to provide the equipment needed to file a world record application.

The college agreed, dispatching a team with special sound equipment to record Smokey purring in the comfort of Adams' home in the nearby village of Pitsford, about 110 kilometres northwest

Thunderous tabby



of London.

The 12-year-old grey-and-white tabby has already made several media appearances, with journalists comparing the purr to the sound of a Boeing 747 from a mile away. A video posted to the cat's website made it sound more like the cooing of an angry dove.

The recording has now

been submitted to Guinness World Records for vetting. Guinness World Records spokeswoman Amarilis Whitty said she was "anxiously waiting" for the recording to see if it meets the group's standards.

See Smokey's website at smokeythepurringcat.com.

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Metro Minute with Tower of Power

Ottawa gets a dose of urban soul and R&B music as Tower of Power plays Centrepointe Theatre tonight at 8. Formed in Oakland, Calif., in 1968, the group continues to play 200 shows a year all over the world.

When not on the road, Tower of Power's horn section guests on albums for quite a range of artists, in-

cluding Elton John, Phish, Rod Stewart, Neil Diamond, Aerosmith, Little Feat, Smokey Robinson, Bonnie Raitt and David Sanborn.

Regular tickets are \$49.50 and premium tickets are \$59.50.

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► Tower of Power will play the Centrepointe Theatre tonight at 8.

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Scene in brief

After 12 years playing sultry screen vixen Samantha Jones on *Sex and the City*, Kim Cattrall says she's "letting it all hang out" in her new role as a has-been porn star. Cattrall gained 20 pounds for the title role in the indie film *Meet Monica Velour*, about a washed up, aging porn star living in a rural Indiana trailer park.

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Not summoned to sing: Judge says suggestion that Willie Nelson sing in court was a joke

Hall makes his homecoming

- ▶ Ty Hall is looking forward to being back in his hometown of Ottawa
- ▶ Hall now lives in the live music capital of the world, Austin, Texas

BACKSTAGE PASS

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Back in the Fall, Ottawa musician Ty Hall decided it was time for a change. So, he packed his bags and moved to Austin, Texas; a city whose official slogan is The Live Music Capital of the World.

"Austin is amazing," he boasts.

And the move seems to be working out for him. The massive South by Southwest Music Festival was held in Austin earlier this month and Hall had the opportunity to play with some huge bands.

"I played right after Dallas Green. It was City and Colour, Shad, Mother Mother and then me."

He's played SxSW before. The big difference this year — he was a local. And he plans to keep it that way. When he gets back to Austin, he's going



▶ Ottawa's own Ty Hall is back in the Capital Region for his long awaited hometown show.

to start the process of becoming a permanent resident. "I've got a lot of friends here that are helping my cause," he says. "It's a real hospitable city."

Tomorrow night, Ty

Hall will be at the LiVE Lounge (128 York St.). It's been months since he's been back for a hometown show.

"I love coming back to Ottawa and now it's more

like a celebration for me," says Hall. "It's just exciting to be home and to see everyone."

Tickets are just \$10 at the door — doors open at 9 p.m.

Talking to the voice of a generation

Hailed as the voice of young Israel and one of its most radical and extraordinary writers, Etgar Keret will be the special guest at the Mayfair Theatre this weekend. The *New York Times* says, "Etgar Keret is a genius," and Salman Rushdie has called him the "voice of the next generation."

Sunday night's event will include both conversation and film and will be hosted by CBC's Adrian Harewood. If you're looking for ticket info, call 613-652-1243.

What: One-on-one with Israeli writer and filmmaker Etgar Keret

Where: Sunday at 7 p.m.

When: Mayfair Theatre (1074 Bank Street)

Price: \$15, \$10 for students and seniors.

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It's time to get your Glee on

If you're a fan of the television show *Glee*, then you're going to love this.

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What: Wish Upon a Glee

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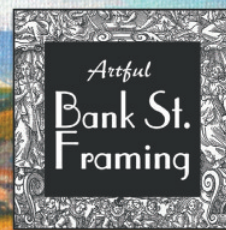
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Camelot's would-be queen

► Eva Green enjoys playing a woman who knows what she wants

Eva Green loves playing strong, even dangerous women.

On the new Starz series *Camelot*, Green treats herself big-time — and makes the most of it.

There she is, as Morgan, in the series' opening scene, fiercely facing down King Uther, the father Morgan believes has betrayed her. Drawing on her sorcery skills, she soon will arrange the king's sudden death. She means to succeed him on the throne. And when Uther's unknown son, Arthur, emerges to claim the crown, Morgan declares war on her half brother as well as the wizard Merlin, Arthur's mysterious mentor.

"This castle and realm should be mine," she proclaims.

Camelot, a Canada-U.S.-U.K. co-production, premieres this week on the Starz network in the U.S. (It will be seen in Canada in the fall on CBC.)

It stars heartthrob Jamie Campbell Bower (the *Twilight* and *Harry Potter* film sagas) as Arthur, a carefree, impetuous young man who was raised from infancy as a commoner and is as surprised as anyone to learn his destiny: to lead Britain from a dark, troubled present into a bright, hopeful tomorrow.

Joseph Fiennes (*Shakespeare in Love*, the TV series *FlashForward*) is Merlin, who has foreseen the leg-

"I like extreme, intense roles. There's always something wrong with my characters."

EVA GREEN

end of Arthur and aims to see it come to pass.

But Merlin and Arthur will have their hands full with Morgan as their rival. "This pretender who wears my father's robes, I shall gouge his eyes," seethes Morgan just before first meeting Arthur, whom she mocks as if he were a child.

"I was worried at the beginning that she is evil and that's it," says Green, as she laughs at Morgan's confrontational style. "But she's a very rich character. And she wants to be a great queen. She believes in equality between men and women. She celebrates sexuality, nature, life."

"And the relationship between Morgan and Arthur will evolve. She hates him at the beginning. But her head is telling her, 'I hate him,' while her heart is telling her otherwise."

The 30-year-old Green, who was born in Paris to a dentist father and actress mother, Marlene Jobert, is perhaps best known for her 2006 role as tough-and-dishy "Bond Girl" Vesper Lynd in *Casino Royale*, opposite Daniel Craig.

Her screen debut was four years earlier in Bernardo Bertolucci's sexually graphic *The Dreamers*, and she starred in Ridley Scott's *Kingdom of Heaven* alongside Orlando Bloom, Jeremy Irons and Liam Neeson. In the 2009 drama *Cracks*, just released on DVD, Green plays the enigmatic diving instructor at a 1930s girls school.

"It's the movie I'm the most proud of. It's about obsession," she says with a satisfied smile. "And I play such a cuckoo character."

But her taste for edgy performances sometimes

puts her at odds with the people around her, she says.

"They tell me, 'Play a princess! You have to play a princess soon,' by which they mean (she explains), nice and smiling and 'I love you.'"

She confides to being

plagued in her youth by a lack of confidence. Does she feel secure now, in adulthood as a prospering actress?

"Oh, God! No!" she blanches. "In this business, you have to be strong and have your armour on."

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► Eva Green

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TV picks

Healing power of music

SPECIAL. Get ready for *Grey's Anatomy* — the musical. Tonight's special episode has the cast breaking out into song after a "cataclysmic event" rattles the doctors of Seattle Grace. It's a Callie-heavy storyline with Sara Ramirez's character on the verge of a life-changing moment with Arizona. Songs featured include Grey's anthems *Chasing Cars*, *How to Save a Life* and *The*

Story. (CTV, ABC)

Watch out for Mandel's mobs

SPECIAL TOO. More music erupts on the *Howie Mandel* show, *Mobbed*.

This reality special is said to combine *Glee*-style musical numbers with flash mobs, hidden cameras and a surprise announcement for an unsuspecting target. In tonight's hour-long spectacle, Mandel and hundreds of strangers drum up over-the-top ways to propose, announce a pregnancy and deliver a job offer. (Fox) **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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Pirates gets a fresh story

► Fans respond well to test screening of fourth Pirates of the Caribbean movie ► Captain Jack seeks out the Fountain of Youth in stand-alone tale

► Johnny Depp is set to reprise the role of Captain Jack Sparrow in Pirates of the Caribbean: On Stranger Tides.

Johnny Depp's tour guide on his Pirates of the Caribbean voyages is plotting the course for a fifth installment even before the fourth movie sails into theatres.

Producer Jerry Bruckheimer says he has a

screenplay in the works for a fifth Pirates tale after May's Pirates of the Caribbean: On Stranger Tides comes out.

Based on the Disney theme-park ride, the original three Pirates blockbusters ended up as a

trilogy continuing the same key characters and story line. Bruckheimer says On Stranger Tides and future Pirates flicks will be stand-alone stories continuing the adventures of Depp's woozy buccaneer Capt. Jack Sparrow.

Directed by Rob Marshall (Chicago), On Stranger Tides sends Jack on a quest for the fountain of youth. Bruckheimer and Marshall showed off footage Tuesday at CinemaCon, a Las Vegas convention of theatre owners.

At test screenings of On Stranger Tides, "the audience told us what they loved about it is that it was fresh, it was new, it was a whole new story," Bruckheimer said in an interview alongside Marshall. "So that will carry over into the next one, too, to give it something fresh and different. As long as the audience embraces this one, we'll certainly try to make another one. It's really up to Johnny. He loves the character."

Geoffrey Rush reprises his role as Jack's rival, Barbossa, who has switched sides, no longer a pirate but a privateer sailing on the orders of the British monarchy. Penelope Cruz co-stars as the fiery daughter of the pirate Blackbeard (Ian McShane).

Marshall popped the question about co-starring in the Pirates sequel over dinner with Cruz while he was directing her in the musical Nine.

"She jumped out of her chair and said, 'Oh, my God. I'd love to. I've always wanted to do an adventure like this.' So it was perfect," Marshall

3-D experience

► **Action.** On Stranger Tides is the first Pirates flick shot with digital 3-D cameras. The filmmakers make good use of the 3-D imagery in action sequences, which include a shot where Cruz's character tries to stab Depp's Capt. Jack through a closed door, her sword leaping off the screen right at the audience.

► **Money.** Bruckheimer and Marshall were interested from the start in doing the movie in 3-D, which can boost revenues since fans pay a few dollars more than they do to see 2-D versions.

► **Technology.** "But the technology scared us a little, only because, you saw Avatar, that was all done on sound stages. Nobody had ever taken these cameras out into the jungles and did a big adventure picture," Bruckheimer said. "Rob did an enormous amount of research with the cinematographer, and we finally went to Disney and said, 'Look, we really think we can do this.' And they thought about it for a while, because it increases the costs, but in the end, they agreed with us and said, 'Let's go for it.'"

said. "I had mentioned her to Jerry and Johnny, and immediately they said, 'Yes, that seems exactly right,' because there are not that many people that really can match him. He's so unique, and he has so many different characteristics: charisma and sex appeal. He's funny and he's athletic and he's a strong actor. So who can match that?"

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Sheen's tweets are scaring ex Richards



► Denise Richards

► **Source says she has increased security after threatening tweets from ex Charlie Sheen**

After ex-husband Charlie Sheen's angry tirade against her on Twitter, Denise Richards has reportedly upped the security at her home, according to Popeater. "She wants [daughters] Sam and Lola to have normal lives, but after the recent threats and verbal attacks, she has increased her security," a source says. "When you are dealing with a mad man, it's better to be safe than sorry."

Sheen's over-the-top behaviour on Twitter reportedly has Richards worried. "Denise has learned how to deal with the name-calling, but once you start tweeting pictures of yourself with knives and saying you wished someone would die it's a totally different game," the source says. "Denise is no longer angry — she's scared."

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Aniston to direct part of anthology

Jennifer Aniston is stepping behind the camera to direct part of Project Five, an anthology of short films for Lifetime TV, according to Deadline Hollywood.

Demi Moore and Alicia Keys are also taking the reigns for sections of the project, which addresses how breast cancer affects people's lives.

"Our hope with Project Five is to entertain, inform and inspire dialogue, research and prevention," Aniston says in a statement.

"We want these films to move people and empower those affected by breast



► Jennifer Aniston

cancer to stand tall through this challenge, which impacts all of our lives, no matter who we are."

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Taylor charmed Farrell

During the final years of her life, Elizabeth Taylor struck up a close friendship with actor Colin Farrell — so close that, at her request, Farrell recited a poem at her funeral last week, according to Access Hollywood.

"How did we become friends? You know, the old story of boy meets girl, and boy pesters girl with too many phone calls at inappropriate hours of the night," Farrell says of his friendship with Taylor. "I was just lucky enough to become her friend in the last year and a half. I adore her still."



► Colin Farrell

As for the poem, Farrell admits it was a bit of a tongue-twister: "Elizabeth chose it. It was a tricky poem as well," Farrell says. "Even in passing she had me under the thumb, sweating bricks."

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Paris is happy with herself

Paris Hilton, the woman who perfected the art of being famous for being famous, says she has met all of her professional goals.

The heiress-turned-TV star, who was in Mexico on Tuesday to promote a new line of shoes, says she doesn't fear being overshadowed by Kim Kardashian or any other reality show rival with her own fragrance, B-movies, sex tape and autobiography, all by age 30.

"There's so many people out there who try to imitate what I do but I am the original," Hilton said

in an interview with The Associated Press. "There is nothing like me."

The socialite, who started her career as a model and has tried her hand in movies, fashion and singing, is currently shooting her latest reality TV show, "The World According to Paris," which will debut this spring on the Oxygen cable channel. "The show's everything about my life, showing the business woman", Hilton said.

Hilton angrily dismissed questions about whether her life is superficial.

Talking points

Baby #5 for Federline

PEOPLE. Fatherhood seems to suit Kevin Federline, as the former backup dancer is expecting a child with girlfriend Victoria Prince, according to People magazine.

The baby will be his fifth. He had two children with ex-wife Britney Spears and another two with ex-girlfriend Shar Jackson.

He and Prince have been dating since 2008, though there's no word if they plan on tying the knot.

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Tour? What tour?

CONFUSION. Enrique Iglesias won't be joining Britney Spears on an upcoming tour despite her announcement that he would.

Spears said Tuesday morning on ABC's Good Morning America that the pair would be hitting the road together.

Iglesias representative Gary Mantoosh said later in a statement to The Associated Press his client and Spears won't tour "despite initial reports based on formal discussions of the possible run."

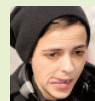
The statement says Iglesias "is very sorry for the confusion this might have caused to anyone." It says the

Celebrity tweets



Bree Olson
[@BreeOlson]

I'd love to live in a cottage in the woods. Deep in the country. To just have all the bare essentials and live off the land. Day dreams



Samantha Ronson
[@samantharonson]

i love when the internet makes me a super hero- i was home at the same time i was at dinner. pix of me leaving dinner last night win. PROOF



Jonah Hill
[@JonahHill]

I have half as many followers as @Jesus. That is such bulls---. That guy hasn't been funny in years.



Steve Martin
[@SteveMartinToGo]

At last, it's balmy in New York City. Almost 40 degrees Fahrenheit. Stripping down to T, shorts and flip-flops.

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Latin singer respects Spears and is a fan of her work.

Iglesias is on tour in Europe.

Spears on Tuesday released her seventh album, *Femme Fatale*. Her U.S. tour kicks off June 17 in Sacramento, Calif.

A representative for the pop singer hasn't returned an email seeking comment.

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The rebirth of crazy

Want to be famous? Start by giving yourself an extreme makeover of Lady Gaga proportions



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METRO WORLD NEWS

Last week, the Council of Fashion Designers announced that it will give Lady Gaga the Fashion Icon Of the Year award at its annual ceremony, which is the fashion world's equivalent of the Oscars.

The move was a final, official endorsement, of sorts, on the moment pop culture fashion seems to be in — that moment being a radically wild, crazy and, frankly, more interesting one.

It's old news for celebs to be cute and sexy (Britney

Spears) or cute and style (Carrie Bradshaw.) We want it louder, shinier, spikier and weirder. Will the look make our jaw drop? Will it cause politically correct types to protest? No? Yawn, not interested.

It's a new, foolproof formula that has replaced the add-honey-colored-hair-extensions-shiny-dress-and-stir equation that worked so well for Britney, Beyoncé and Rihanna in their early days. But (hol) even Beyoncé and Rihanna have gone to the Gaga side (what are you waiting for Brit?)

We look at the transformation of some of your favourite divas.



Lady Gaga

Before: Just one of Gaga's many unmemorable ensembles pre-Nicola Formichetti, the stylist who helped make her famous by dressing her in

McQueen, that meat dress and other outfits that have gotten you talking.

After: Wonderfully weird in that Gaga way we've all come to love.

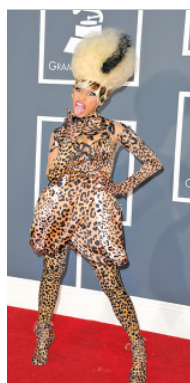
Katy Perry

The kind of showy get-up that only Russell Brand could love.



Nicki Minaj

The Bride of Frankenstein meets Roberto Cavalli. What's not to love?



Rihanna

Rih Rih's is rocking a much more interesting, wild style than in the past.



Ke\$ha

Before the singer sported the same glam, rock look we've seen before. And now...there are no words.



Let's go crazy



Pint-sized crazy: With Rihanna's team of stylists working for her, Willow Smith has all of the sartorial tools for pop stardom.

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Temp is rising, hemlines are not

► Spring's top fashion silhouette is long, languid and pared with an optimistic attitude

The big trend for the season is longer lengths – below-the-knee skirts, maxi dresses and flared-leg trousers. These flowing silhouettes bring with them well-deserved freedom from the multiple layers and heavy fabrics that were de rigueur over the course of a storm-filled winter. Consider the new shapes a breath of fresh air, says Patrick Robinson, creative director for Gap.

"When you come out of such a hard winter, I think people will be looking for soft, easy clothes that you can wear only in the spring. ... You want contrast," he says. "I always use clothes to tell me what time of year it is."

The looser and more languid look also seems a commentary on shoppers' collective state of mind, too. Perhaps they are willing to give up the sleek, fitted armour they wore to do battle with the recession.

Retail sales were stronger in February than economists expected, with a 4.2 per cent increase, and

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that came off a similar increase in January and the best holiday season since 2006.

Robinson says consumers had been looking for protection, but now they're looking for signs of optimism.

"We've done the sharp edges. ... We want the softer pieces to remind us of the change in seasons – it's a trigger for your mind. We want things that help us feel carefree. I think we miss it."

The wide-cuff, long-leg pants are for many women an easier way to move into this look, says Lisa Axelson, Ann Taylor senior vice-president of design.

Start there, with a skinny, brightly coloured belt and a T-shirt or blouse, she advises. Once you're used to creating a triangular shape with a pared-down top, you'll be ready when it's bare-leg weather for the skirts, pencil or pleat-

ed, or even the maxi. (Imagine the opposite effect of a strong-shouldered jacket with skinny pants, she says.)

Marie Claire editor-in-chief Joanna

Coles already has her new printed Prada skirt that hits her knee, which she'll pair with a crisp white button-down, but she thinks anything longer takes careful consideration and effort.

"There are a lot of maxi dresses and they're easy for day-to-night dressing, but they're hard to wear to the office if it's conservative at all," Coles says. "A calf-length skirt is on trend, but it's not as flattering as knee-length. What you can't go wrong with is a bottom that really flatters you. If wide-leg pants make you look three times wider than you are, don't wear them." THE

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► The Gap's sexy boot trouser

Beauty pick

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▶ Wedding bells will sound this weekend as The Ottawa Wedding Show will blanket Lansdowne Park in a sea of white on Saturday and Sunday.

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Here comes the bride in white

▶ You're invited to the Ottawa Wedding Show ... and it's going to be a fabulous affair ▶ This weekend at Lansdowne Park, with 131 exhibitors



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Did Valentine's Day close this year with a surprise engagement? If so, gather your bridal party and head to The Ottawa Wedding Show April 2 and 3 at Lansdowne Park.

This year's show, which has free admission, features an array of wedding-themed exhibitors — from affair planners to cake

bakers to fireworks executors for those with a more unique wedding in mind. While last year saw 10,000 visitors browse its booths, this year even more visitors are anticipated.

The 2011 show will feature 131 exhibitors in total, including companies such as disc jockey service Quality Entertainment. And while everyone wants to boogie to the beats during the reception, Brian Henry, Quality's owner,

Bridal spotlight

Who: Lauren Armstrong, 28, marrying Ryan Cain, 30
Got engaged: June 2010
Wedding date: May 7, 2011
Where: The Rockcliffe Park Pavilion (ceremony); Novotel Ottawa Hotel (reception)
The Affair: "We wanted an elegant and classy wedding. But we also wanted it to be fun, and our party afterwards will be a lot of fun."

anticipates questions from brides and grooms on other ways to spend the entertainment budget. "Today, everybody is spending tons of money on decor lighting. It's sometimes half if not more of the entertainment budget," says Henry.

On a budget? Take in one of the show's feature events — the Gown Sale. Five of the region's bridal salons will have hundreds of bridal dresses and bridal party dresses.

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FOR THE OLD TIMERS

Let's Stay Together, Al Green



Also: In My Life, The Beatles; When a Man Loves a Woman, Percy Sledge; Can't Help Falling In Love, Elvis Presley; Can't Get Enough of Your Love, Babe, Barry White

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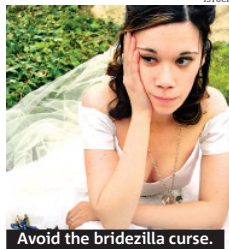
Taming your inner bridezilla

► Danielle Andrews Sunkel has come face-to-face with the fearsome bridezilla ► She lived to tell the tale

As owner of The Wedding Planners agency, Danielle Andrews Sunkel has had her fair share of encounters: from pre-marriage meltdowns to run-ins with another wedding wild thing — the groomzilla (one of whom wanted to print his bank-account number on the wedding invitations to “facilitate” speedy gift deposits)!

So, what is it that changes brides- and grooms-to-be into irate, irrational and hyper-intense beings? “Our society turns brides into princesses,” says Sunkel. “So, these brides get caught up in all the attention, they get overwhelmed and they start making sometimes ridiculous demands.”

But fear not, there are a couple of steps to take to avoid becoming a tantrum-



Avoid the bridezilla curse.

throwing bridezilla.

Maintain perspective

“Remember that it’s just one day in your lives,” says Sunkel. “You’re not perfect, so your wedding doesn’t have to be either.”

Seek professional help

Research shows a couple spends 250 hours planning a wedding on their own. Cut that number down to 40 to 50 hours by hiring a

certified wedding coordinator. This not only saves time, but he or she can work behind-the-scenes connections and relationships to help you get more bang for your bridal buck.

Manage expectations

To avoid conflict with parents and in-laws, sort out who’s paying for what from the get-go and understand the implications. As Sunkel puts it, “The bride and groom have to make the tough decision: Do they want their wedding or do they want their wedding paid for?” Chances are, if anyone else pays for your wedding, there will be strings attached.

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Giving new life to decor

► Karl Lohnes offers tips on making over some old favourites and giving them a new purpose

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It's usually in the spring that I look around my house and consider replacing a worn piece of furniture or some of the outdated accessories that I've been hanging onto.

A yard sale is a great place to sell-off unwanted items and there are certainly enough curb-browsers who will gladly take my outdated decor items. But this spring I am going to challenge myself to an idea that is not only inexpensive, but eco-friendly, too.

I am going to make over a few of my least favourite items. I figure with a small investment and a bit of elbow grease I can give my old wingback chairs, dresser and worn carpet a whole new look. Here's how I will start.



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If something looks like it's a tad outdated, it may just need a colour change.

The old wingback chairs that I've been dragging around each time I move are looking rather boring in the mocha cotton twill fabric and it's time for an update.

On its last leg of life, I am going to let the chairs be the centre of attention by slipcovering them in a fun, loud fabric.

They will be the greeters by the front door — a place to sit while waiting for a taxi to arrive, or, more likely, a place to throw my coat, gloves and tote bag.

Tip: Look for punchy, affordable fabrics at dress supply retailers like Fabricland. They sell much more than just lightweight dress fabrics and might even be able to recommend someone to slipcover your furniture for you for an affordable price.



The dark wood dresser that I have dragged around since childhood has just about seen it all over the many years.

Instead of selling my old companion off in the yard sale, I'll paint the outer shell with a low-luster oil paint (for durability) and wallpaper the drawer fronts to add some personality.

Because of its smaller size, I'm going to use my newly decorated friend in the hallway. It'll now hold the overflowing bath supplies from the linen cupboard.

Tip: Choose the wallpaper first, then match it to a coordinating paint colour. This will allow you to have a custom look that is perfectly matched.



I bought a worn Kilim rug for next to nothing many years ago, and its tired look is starting to get me down.

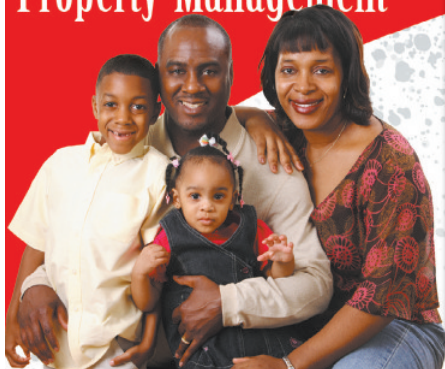
Time for a fresher-looking carpet in the den. I'm taking my old friend to the carpet cleaners and once he's been scrubbed down, I'm having him cut up and blocked into floor cushions to stack in the corner of my bedroom.

A great way to reinvent an old friend and not have to say goodbye.

Tip: Talk to your local rug cleaners about sewing the rugs into poufs as a heavy-gauge needled sewing machine will be needed.

If they cannot do it then call up a local upholstery school (check the community night school programs). Either take the classes at night and do it there, or hire someone from the school that has basic sewing experience.

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La Vie en Blanc artichoke
sculptures.



Lupe pillow, courtesy of
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White is welcome

► The colour heralds the freshness of spring in home decor

Like freshly washed laundry on the line on a sunny day, this season's white decor is a welcome sight.

Just when we're ready to fling open the windows, shake out rugs and scrub the memory of winter away, stores are responding by stocking tabletop accessories, throw pillows, furniture and more in crisp whites and soothing creams.

A few white accents make an enormous difference, so you don't have to spend a lot on this update.

Change out dark lampshades and replace jewell-toned throws for nubby vanilla ones.

Store away the heavy window treatments and put up snowy voile curtains or sleek white blinds.

Give the room trim a coat of bright white. Pull off winter's heavier slipcovers and rugs, and substitute white canvas and cotton.

You'll see your rooms "open up" as the light values change. Plus everything just looks cleaner, and isn't that what spring is all about?

Inexpensive vessels, serve ware and baskets are a great way to add some white touches; use them as countertop fruit and snack containers, key and wallet holders, and magazine drops. HomeGoods has a pretty laser-cut side table. White ceramics include a cutout, deco-style lamp and



► Victoria pierced porcelain plates, courtesy of Two's Company.

an elegant textured vase, and there are several painted wooden candlesticks that would look great with sleek white or candy box coloured tapers.

Gift retailer Two's Company offers the Victoria collection of lacy, pierced-edge porcelain plates threaded with sage ribbon.

La Vie en Blanc artichoke sculptures are elegant, as are ceramic tabletop nautical shells and Reef coral, all rendered in wonderful milky white.

Update a room's furniture for the season with Cost Plus World Market's

new Luxe upholstered club chair. The chair and a tight-fitting, ivory cotton, machine-washable slipcover are each under \$150. A couple of these replacing darker chairs in a sitting room or master bedroom would brighten things up quite effectively. Comfy-underfoot white shag rugs made of washable cotton jersey can be found at Crate & Barrel in various sizes. Pair with a fluffy Lupe pillow and either the Coral or Sea Urchin lamp for white-on-white texture that makes a room pop. And if you live the kind of life that can

handle it, consider the retailer's Ian collection of boutique-hotel-inspired pieces in a luscious white leather as soft as whipped cream. West Elm has little cutwork porcelain tea-light holders, and larger perforated hurricanes — all would look wonderful lit from within on a warm spring evening. Find here also a whimsical chandelier crafted of wire and creamy coconut straps; resembling a little hula skirt, this could be just the right hint of coming summer for the winter-weary.

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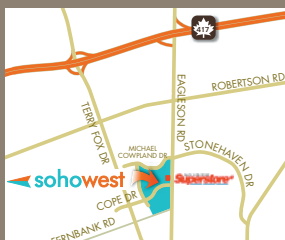
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► Spring in the vineyard at Eberle Winery, Paso Robles

California Wine Fair: Ottawa Stop

Every spring, Ottawa wine lovers look forward to the annual California Wine Fair. This year, the Ottawa event will feature wines from more than 125 Golden State wineries on April 6th at the Westin Hotel.

The selections can be overwhelming, and most people tend to stick with the more familiar Napa and Sonoma regions' wineries, which is too bad because this is a chance to taste wine from areas that fly under the radar.

Santa Rita Hills in Santa Barbara County is Pinot

Noir and Chardonnay country. One of the prettiest parts of the appellation is home to Sanford Winery and Lafond Winery. Don't miss the Pinots from either.

In San Luis Obispo County, Gary Eberle is a pioneer of the much warmer Paso Robles wine region. He was the first one to plant Syrah in California in 1974 and estimates that about 70% of the state's syrah plantings are his Chapoutier clone. He'll be pouring his 2008 Syrah at the fair.

Also be sure to stop by Nichols Winery's booth.

Keith Nichols hates to part with his wines, and the releases he'll be showing are all at least six years old, though some are eleven! Keith's 2001 Paragon Chardonnay is delicious. His wines show beautiful, restrained fruit, attractive aged bouquet and are refreshingly Old World in style.

Both Keith Nichols and Gary Eberle will be personally manning their booths at the fair, so be sure to stop by and say hello!

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Vincent Morin La-combe Bourgogne Pinot Noir 2009, AOC Bourgogne, France – \$16.95 (Vintages #208496) 12.5% alcohol. Dry and medium bodied, this red wine has a silky texture and is fragrant with fresh berry fruit.

Domaine Saint-Saturnin de Vergy Bourgogne Hautes Côtes de Nuits Blanc 2009, AOC, Hautes Côtes de Nuits, France – \$18.95 (Vintages #128686) 13.0% alcohol. A golden Chardonnay displaying vibrant acidity paired with citrus, apple and pear.

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Errázuriz 'Single Vineyard' Syrah 2008, Don Maximiano Estate, Panhueque, Chile – \$19.95 (Vintages #211938) 14.5% alcohol. Can't go wrong with the intense aromas of red fruit with dark cocoa and toast. Fire up the BBQ!

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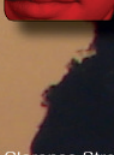
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For this Asparagus and Potato Soup, all the vegetables are roasted at high heat, caramelizing their sugars. They then are pureed until smooth and combined with yogurt, which gives the soup a creamy quality that belies its low-fat nutritional profile.

Lastly, prosciutto is crisped in a skillet to create a garnish that has all the appeal of crumbled bacon, without all the grease.

Preparation:

1 Place garlic on square piece of foil and sprinkle with 1 tsp (5 mL) water. Fold foil into a packet. Set aside.

2 In bowl, combine asparagus, potatoes, onion, oil, salt and pepper; toss to coat. Spread vegetables over 2 large parchment paper-lined baking sheets. Place packet of garlic in corner of one of the sheets. Roast in 425 F (220 C) oven, stirring occasionally for 45 minutes or until asparagus is soft and potatoes tender. Let cool for five minutes.

3 Meanwhile, in skillet set over medium heat, crisp prosciutto for about 5

minutes; set aside.

4 Transfer half of vegetables into blender and add 1 1/2 cups (375 mL) of broth; blend until smooth. Transfer to pot. Repeat using remaining vegetables and remaining broth. Warm soup over medium heat. Whisk in yogurt, tarragon, lemon juice.

5 Season with more salt and pepper to taste, if desired. Ladle soup into bowls and crumble prosciutto on top to serve.
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► Potatoes, asparagus, onions and prosciutto are married in this hearty soup.

Ingredients:

- 6 cloves garlic
- 1 1/4 lb (625 g) fresh asparagus, trimmed, cut into 1-inch (2.5 cm) pieces (about 3 cups/750 mL)
- 2 cups (500 mL) peeled and diced Yukon Gold potatoes

- toes
- 1 medium sweet onion, cut into 6 wedges
- 1 tbsp (15 mL) olive oil
- 1/2 tsp (2 mL) salt
- 1/2 tsp (2 mL) ground black pepper
- 2 oz (60 g) sliced

- prosciutto, chopped
- 3 cups (750 mL) chicken broth
- 3/4 cup (175 mL) non-fat plain Greek-style yogurt
- 1 tbsp (15 mL) minced fresh tarragon
- 1 tsp (5 mL) lemon juice

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Yankees looking to restore lustre

Free-agent snubs and aging core has many picking Red Sox in AL East

Darth Vader's theme music blared from the speakers at Yankee Stadium while the team worked out under sunny skies, as if the Yankees needed a reminder that they are indeed still the "Evil Empire" and not the underdogs that they have been labelled.

"As crazy as that sounds, nobody seems to believe in us but us," opening-day starter CC Sabathia said yesterday.

Sabathia and New York will get a chance to prove that even though they lost out on free agent Cliff Lee and have a suspect rotation, the 2011 Yankees are up to the challenge of recapturing the AL East.

Baseball is coming to the Bronx for the first time in March when the Yankees open the season today against the formidable Detroit Tigers.

"I think with the winter that we've had, we're all looking forward to this day," manager Joe Girardi said.

It's hard to find anything much odder in the Bronx than hearing the Yankees defend their chances.

"I told the guys, our guys, be the best that we can be," Girardi said.

On ESPN.com, 45 baseball pundits offered predictions for the season. All 45 picked the Boston Red Sox to win the AL East.

Rain and temperatures more typical of the post-sea-

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Derek Jeter starts the 2011 season needing 74 hits to become the first Yankee to reach the 3,000 hit mark.

son may put a damper on the festivities that will be more subdued this year after the Yankees failed to repeat as World Series champions, losing to Texas in the AL championship series.

"It's going to be perfect weather, 40s (Fahrenheit) and rain. A good day to pitch," Tigers starting catcher Alex Avila said.

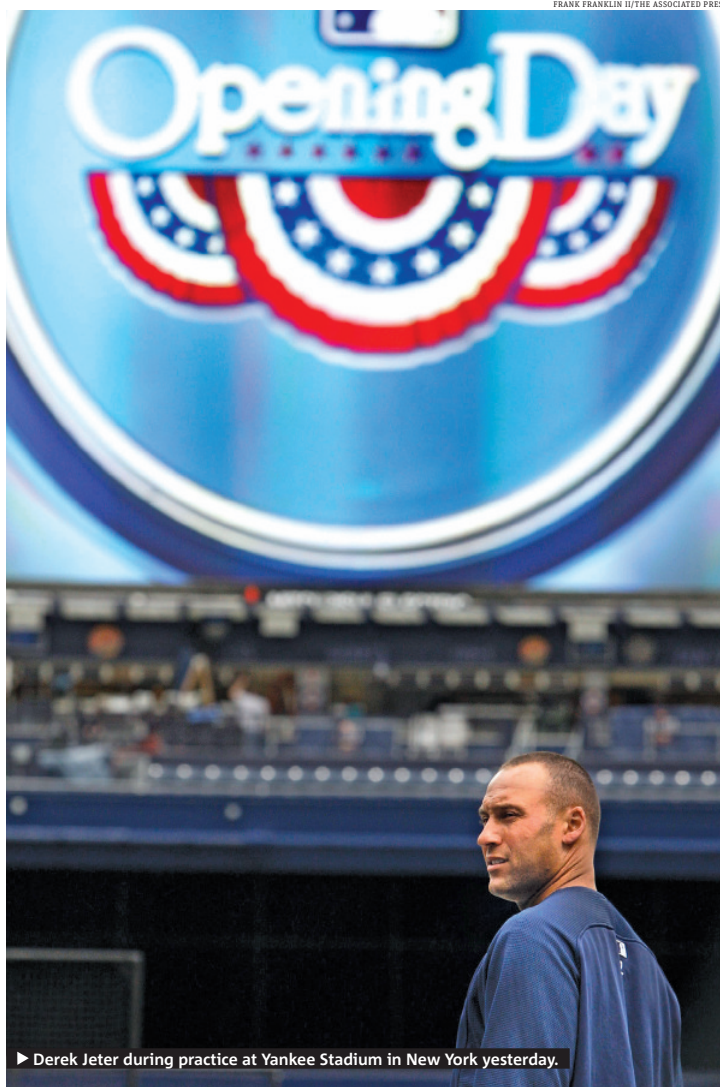
The Yankees face a tough opening-day matchup with Justin Verlander on the mound for Detroit.

Verlander spent March preparing as if it were April, hoping to avoid the same type of start he had last year. The right-hander was 1-2 with a 5.29 ERA in the opening month. He finished the year 18-9 with a 3.37 ERA.

The first batter Verlander faces will not be Derek Jeter, who slumped to a .270 average last year. Girardi tapped left-handed-hitting Brett Gardner to lead off against righties.

"It doesn't make a difference," Jeter said. "I've hit second more than I hit first, so who cares."

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► Derek Jeter during practice at Yankee Stadium in New York yesterday.

Penguins cast doubt on Crosby's playoff return

Sidney Crosby is rejoining his teammates for game-day skates, but it appears increasingly less likely the NHL's biggest star will heal from a concussion in time to play again this season for the Pittsburgh Penguins.

Crosby, sidelined since early January after two hard hits in as many games, has been skating, but isn't clear to practice with anything resembling contact.

Penguins general man-

"I don't want to take away hope away ... because he's feeling good about himself."

PENGUINS GM RAY SHERO ON SIDNEY CROSBY

ager Ray Shero said there might not be enough time for Crosby to return for the post-season.

"Our captain is coming back any time soon? That is

not our expectation," Shero said yesterday. "When I talk to Dan Bylsma, our coach, about a date, a certain date about when Sid might be coming back, the certain date might be in training camp."

Bylsma said several steps await Crosby in his rehabilitation.

"There's no anticipation for the next step, or if it's at all this year," Bylsma said. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Sports in brief

Sabres lose Miller to injury

NHL. Goalie Ryan Miller missed Buffalo's game against the New York Rangers last night, and is listed as day to day because of an upper-body injury.

General manager Darcy Regier didn't discuss the severity of the injury, but said there's a possibility Miller could be back by the weekend.

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Saves leader to sit out opener

MLB. Closer Brian Wilson will begin this season on the disabled list for the World Series champion Giants.

The move was made official yesterday. Wilson is eligible to come off the DL on April 6.

San Francisco manager Bruce Bochy said there was no reason to rush his injured closer back for opening day. Wilson strained a muscle on his left side March 17.

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sports

Senators preview

Senators at Panthers
7:30 p.m.
TV: SNET-E
Radio: AM 1200



Ottawa (29-38-10) is no longer a lock to finish in the Eastern Conference basement this season. The Senators have posted a decent 5-4-1 mark over their last 10 games and are gaining ground on the New York Islanders and Florida Panthers. Ottawa is coming off a 5-2 loss to Tampa Bay on Tuesday night.



Florida (29-36-12) is last in the Southeast Division and enters on a six-game winless skid. The Panthers, who have just two victories in their last 10 games, will try to bounce back after a pair of overtime losses.

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NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	OTL	SL	GF	GA	Pts	Home	Away	Last 10	Strk
dx-Philadelphia	76	46	20	4	6	243	202	102	21-11-2-4	25-9-2-2	5-1-3-1	W1
dx-Washington	77	44	22	5	6	207	185	99	22-8-2-6	22-14-3-0	7-2-0-1	L1
dx-Boston	76	43	23	5	5	229	178	96	19-13-2-3	24-10-2-3	5-3-2-0	W2
x-Pittsburgh	77	45	24	5	3	220	188	98	24-14-2-0	21-10-3-3	7-3-0-0	L1
Tampa Bay	76	41	24	5	6	228	230	93	23-11-1-4	18-13-4-2	4-3-2-1	W2
Montreal	78	41	30	4	3	205	203	89	23-11-3-3	18-19-1-0	4-6-0-0	L1
Buffalo	77	39	29	8	1	226	214	87	19-16-3-1	20-13-5-0	6-3-1-0	W1
NY Rangers	77	41	31	2	3	218	182	87	18-16-1-3	23-15-1-0	7-2-0-1	L1
Carolina	77	37	30	5	5	220	228	84	21-13-2-2	16-17-3-3	6-4-0-0	W2
Toronto	77	35	32	5	5	205	235	80	18-14-3-4	17-18-2-1	6-4-0-0	W1
Atlanta	76	32	32	5	7	211	249	76	22-9-2-5	15-17-3-2	5-4-1-0	L1
New Jersey	76	35	36	3	2	158	191	75	19-15-2-1	16-21-0-2	5-4-0-1	W1
NY Islanders	77	29	36	7	5	212	244	70	16-17-1-4	13-19-6-1	4-4-2-0	L3
Florida	77	29	36	5	7	187	212	70	15-15-4-4	14-21-2-2	2-5-0-3	L6
Ottawa	77	29	38	5	5	177	238	68	14-19-2-3	15-19-3-2	5-4-0-1	L2

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	OTL	SL	GF	GA	Pts	Home	Away	Last 10	Strk
z-Vancouver	77	51	17	4	5	250	176	111	25-8-1-4	26-9-3-1	9-1-0-0	W4
d-Detroit	76	44	22	6	4	244	216	98	20-12-4-2	24-10-2-2	5-3-2-0	L1
d-San Jose	76	44	23	4	5	224	199	97	21-11-2-3	23-12-2-2	6-1-0-3	W1
Phoenix	78	42	25	7	4	221	213	95	20-13-4-2	22-12-3-2	8-2-0-0	W1
Los Angeles	76	44	26	4	2	209	181	94	23-12-3-0	23-14-1-2	8-1-1-0	W4
Nashville	77	43	26	6	4	203	182	92	22-9-2-5	15-17-3-2	8-2-0-0	L1
Anaheim	76	43	28	3	2	219	221	91	24-12-1-1	19-16-2-1	8-2-0-0	W2
Chicago	76	41	27	3	5	242	209	90	23-15-0-0	18-12-4-4	4-4-1-1	L1
Dallas	75	38	26	4	7	209	212	87	20-11-3-5	18-15-1-2	3-3-2-2	L4
Calgary	77	38	28	4	7	235	226	87	22-12-1-3	16-16-3-4	4-4-1-1	W1
Minnesota	76	36	32	3	5	191	215	80	17-16-2-3	19-16-1-2	2-7-1-0	W1
Columbus	76	34	31	4	7	202	232	79	17-17-1-3	17-14-3-4	3-5-1-1	W1
St. Louis	76	34	32	4	6	214	222	78	12-12-1-4	13-20-3-2	5-5-0-0	L1
Colorado	75	28	39	7	1	211	267	64	15-18-4-0	13-21-3-1	2-4-0-0	L3
Edmonton	76	23	42	2	9	180	251	57	12-21-1-5	11-21-2-3	0-7-1-2	L10

x — clinched playoff berth; y — clinched division title; d — division leaders; a team winning in overtime or shootout is credited with two points and a victory in the W column; the team losing in overtime or shootout receives one point which is registered in the OTL or SOL columns.

Last night's results

Carolina 6 Montreal 2
New Jersey 3 N.Y. Islanders 2
Buffalo 1 N.Y. Rangers 0
St. Louis at Detroit
Anaheim at Calgary
Tuesday's results
Toronto 4 Nashville 3
Los Angeles 2 Edmonton 0
Tampa Bay 5 Ottawa 2
Montreal 3 Atlanta 1
Carolina 3 Washington 2 (SO)
Columbus 3 Florida 2 (SO)
Phoenix 2 Dallas 1 (SO)
Minnesota 3 St. Louis 2 (SO)
Philadelphia 5 Pittsburgh 3

HURRICANES 6, CANADIENS 2

First Period
1. Carolina, Skinner 28, 11:01
2. Carolina, Skinner 29 (Ruutu) 15:06
Penalties — None.
Second Period
3. Montreal, Cammalleri 17 (Wisniewski, Plekanec) 5:23 (np)
4. Carolina, McBain 6 (Cole, Stillman) 6:10
5. Carolina, Pittkanen 4 (Ruutu, Skinner) 9:03
Penalties — Bra.Sutter Car (tripping) 3:52, De-sharnais Mtl (hooking) 15:39.
Third Period
6. Montreal, Subban 12 (Wisniewski, Plekanec) 9:01 (pp)
7. Carolina, McBain 7 (Bowman) 15:24
8. Carolina, Stillman 11 (Corvo, E.Staal) 17:47 (pp)
Penalties — E.Staal Car (hooking) 4:44, E.Staal Car (slashing) 8:56, Subban Mtl (slashing) 10:20, Gill Mtl (tripping), Pouliot Mtl, Subban Mtl, Gleason Car (misconduct) 16:46, Hamrlik Mtl (hooking) 17:47.

Shots
Montreal 17 15 8 — 40
Carolina 15 11 9 — 35
Goal (shots-saves) — Montreal: Price (L,35-28-6)(26-22), Auld (start third)(9-7); Carolina: Ward (W,34-25-9). **Power plays** (goals-chances) — Montreal: 2-3; Carolina: 1-4. **Referees** — Tim Peel, Greg Kimmery. **Linesmen** — Don Henderson, Steve Miller. **Att.** — 18,701 (18,680) at Raleigh, N.C.

SABRES 1, RANGERS 0

First Period — No Scoring.

Second Period
1. Boston 3 Chicago 0
Tonight's games
All times Eastern
Toronto at Boston, 7 p.m.
N.Y. Rangers at N.Y. Islanders, 7 p.m.
Atlanta at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
Columbus at Washington, 7 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Tampa Bay, 7:30 p.m.
Ottawa at Florida, 7:30 p.m.
Edmonton at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Nashville at Colorado, 9 p.m.
Los Angeles at Vancouver, 10 p.m.
Dallas at San Jose, 10:30 p.m.
Tonorrow's games
Philadelphia at New Jersey, 7 p.m.
Chicago at Columbus, 7 p.m.
Calgary at St. Louis, 8 p.m.
Colorado at Phoenix, 10 p.m.

Penalties — Callahan NYR (roughing), Stafford Buf (elbowing) 19:52.
Second Period
1. Buffalo, Connolly 12 (Vaneek, Gragnani) 5:28 (pp)
Penalties — Staal NYR (interference) 4:50, Montador Buf (slashing) 16:31.
Third Period — No Scoring.
Penalties — None.
Shots
N.Y. Rangers 8 6 9 — 23
Buffalo 15 11 9 — 35
Goal — N.Y. Rangers: Lundqvist (L,33-25-5); Buffalo: Enroth (R,6-2-1). **Power plays** (goals-chances) — N.Y. Rangers: 0-1; Buffalo: 1-1. **Referees** — Dennis LaRue, Chris Rooney. **Linesmen** — Steve Barton, Derek Nansen. **Att.** — 18,690 (18,690) at Buffalo.

DEVILS 3, ISLANDERS 2

First Period
1. New Jersey, Kovalchuk 28 (Palmieri, Zajac) 4:17
Penalties — Konopka NYI, Clarkson NJ (fighting) 1:57, M.Martin NYI, Leach NJ (fighting) 5:33, M.Martin NYI, Clarkson NJ (roughing) 13:01.
Second Period
2. New Jersey, Josefson 3 (Palmieri, Kovalchuk) 3:23
Penalties — Tallinder NJ (tripping) 0:08, Martinek NYI (hooking) 11:10, Reese NYI (tripping) 16:18.
Third Period
3. N.Y. Islanders, Nielsen 12, 9:38 (sh)
4. N.Y. Islanders, Nielsen 13 (M.Martin, Ok-oso) 13:44
5. New Jersey, Greene 4 (Elias, Zubrus) 15:04
Penalties — Tavares NYI (hooking) 3:38, Rol-

ston NJ (tripping) 4:54, Katie NYI (double high-sticking) 7:57.

Shots

N.Y. Islanders 5 10 14 — 29
New Jersey 7 10 3 — 20
Goal — N.Y. Islanders: DiPietro (L,8-12-4); New Jersey: Brodeur (W,22-24-3). **Power plays** (goals-chances) — N.Y. Islanders: 0-2; New Jersey: 0-5.
Referees — Jean Hebert, Bill McCreary. **Linesmen** — Derek Amell, Brian Murphy. **Att.** — 16,252 (17,625) at Newark, N.J.

TUESDAY

LIGHTNING 5, SENATORS 2

First Period — No Scoring.

Penalty — Foligno Ott (slashing) 14:57.

Second Period
1. Tampa Bay, St. Louis 28 (Lecavalier, Gagne) 3:15
2. Tampa Bay, Moore 16 (Bergeron, Tyrell) 7:25
Penalties — Michalek Ott (tripping) 9:00, Ohlund TB (roughing) 13:29, Hedman TB (delay of game) 15:36.
Third Period
3. Tampa Bay, St. Louis 29 (Gagne, Stamkos) 5:48
4. Ottawa, Spezza 17 (Greening, Hale) 10:03
5. Tampa Bay, Moore 17 (Tyrell, Clark) 11:27
6. Ottawa, Michalek 17 (Kuba, Spezza) 15:15 (sh)
7. Tampa Bay, Stamkos 44 (Hall, Moore) 19:26 (en)
Penalties — Neil Ott (elbowing, roughing, fighting), Downie TB (fighting) 12:09.

Shots

Ottawa 9 13 11 — 33
Tampa Bay 9 9 13 — 31
Goal — Ottawa: McElhinney (L,9-12-1); Tampa Bay: Roloson (W,21-24-5). **Power plays** (goals-chances) — Ottawa: 0-2; Tampa Bay: 0-4. **Referees** — Rob Martell, Mike Leggo. **Linesmen** — Tim Nowak, Dan Schachte. **Att.** — 16,628 (19,758) at Tampa.

CANUCKS 3, PREDATORS 1

First Period — No Scoring.

Penalties — Oreskovich Vcr (hooking) 9:47, Blum Nash (high-sticking) 15:22.
Second Period
1. Nashville, Fisher 18 (Blum, Kostitsyn) 14:01
Penalties — Fisher Nash (tripping) 0:46, Nashville bench (too many men; served by Doudmont) 4:20, Ehrhoff Vcr (hooking) 9:07, Bolduc Vcr (slashing) 15:57.
Third Period
2. Vancouver, Burrows 23 (H.Sedin, D.Sedin) 1:17
3. Vancouver, Burrows 24 (D.Sedin, H.Sedin) 17:31
4. Vancouver, Rome 1 (Hansen) 19:51 (en)
Penalties — Blum Nash (holding) 7:08, H.Sedin Vcr (tripping) 10:59, Tootoo Nash (tripping) 13:02, Salo Vcr (hooking) 14:57.

Shots
Vancouver 7 11 14 — 32
Nashville 10 5 2 — 17
Goal — Vancouver: Luongo (W,36-14-7); Nashville: Rinne (L,30-21-8). **Power plays** (goals-chances) — Vancouver: 0-5; Nashville: 0-5. **Referees** — Dan O'Rourke, Wes McCauley. **Linesmen** — Pierre Champoux, Ryan Galloway. **Att.** — 15,960 (17,113) at Nashville.

KINGS 2, OILERS 0

First Period — No Scoring.

Penalties — Cogliano Edm (tripping) 0:12, Smid Edm (hooking) 10:04, Gilbert Edm (hooking) 12:11, Brown LA (holding stick) 13:30, Handzus LA (tripping) 16:21.
Second Period
1. Los Angeles, Brown 26 (Lewis, Smyth) 5:11
2. Los Angeles, Brown 27 (Lewis) 14:56
Penalties — None.
Third Period — No Scoring.
Penalty — Jones Edm (hooking) 10:23.
Shots
Los Angeles 18 10 5 — 33
Edmonton 7 13 12 — 32
Goal — Los Angeles: Bernier (W,11-8-3); Edmonton: Khabibulin (L,10-30-3). **Power plays** (goals-chances) — Los Angeles: 0-4; Edmonton: 0-2. **Referees** — Gord Dryver, Chris Lee. **Linesmen** — Lonnie Cameron, Bryan Panich. **Att.** — 16,339 (16,339) at Edmonton.

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Yesterday's results

Tampa Bay 5 Toronto 3
San Francisco 2, Oakland 1
Minnesota 2, Atlanta 0
Pittsburgh 4, Philadelphia 1
N.Y. Mets 6, Florida 3
Boston at Houston
Seattle at L.A. Dodgers

REGULAR SEASON

Today's games

All times Eastern

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Detroit (Verlander 0-0) at N.Y. Yankees (Sabathia 0-0), 1:05 p.m.
L.A. Angels (Weaver 0-0) at Kansas City (Hochewar 0-0), 4:10 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Atlanta (Lowe 0-0) at Washington (Hernandez 0-0), 1:05 p.m.
Milwaukee (Gallardo 0-0) at Cincinnati (Volquez 0-0), 2:10 p.m.
San Diego (Stauffer 0-0) at St. Louis (Carpenter 0-0), 4:15 p.m.
San Francisco (Linceseum 0-0) at L.A. Dodgers (Kershaw 0-0), 8 p.m.

SKIING

CANADIAN ALPINE CHAMPIONSHIP

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Women's Giant Slalom

1. Marie-Michèle Gagnon, Lac-Etchemin, Que. (52.16-51.36), one minute, 43.52 seconds; 2. Britt Janyk, Whistler, B.C. (52.45-51.82), 1:44.27; 3. Victoria Stevens, Mont-Tremblant, Que. (52.57-52.13), 1:44.70; 4. Marie-Pier Prefontaine, Saint-Sauveur, Que. (52.34-52.63), 1:44.97; 5. Madison McLeish, Canmore, Alta., (52.66-52.35), 1:45:01; 6. Eli Terwiel, Sun Peaks, B.C. (53.73-51.71), 1:45:44; 7. Eve Routhier, Sherbrooke, Que. (53.00-52.62), 1:45:62; 8. Erin Mielzynski, Guelph, Ont. (54.41-52.12), 1:46:53; 9. Kate Ryley (53.60-52.98), 1:46:58; 10. Julia Roth, Waterloo, Ont. (54.52-53.51), 1:48:03.

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WORLD RANKING

Through March 27

1. Martin Kaymer	Ger	7.87
2. Lee Westwood	Eng	7.54
3. Luke Donald	Eng	6.95
4. Graeme McDowell	Nir	6.19
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6. Phil Mickelson	USA	5.70
7. Paul Casey	Eng	5.63
8. Rory McIlroy	Nir	5.44
9. Matt Kuchar	USA	5.33
10. Steve Stricker	USA	5.24
11. Jim Furyk	USA	5.04
12. Dustin Johnson	USA	5.00
13. Ernie Els	SAF	4.73
14. Nick Watney	USA	4.65
15. Francesco Molinari	Ita	4.48
16. Ian Poulter	Eng	4.47
17. Bubba Watson	USA	4.35
18. Hunter Mahan	USA	4.18
19. Retief Goosen	SAF	3.66
20. Robert Karlsson	Swe	4.08
21. Martin Laird	SCO	3.86
22. Louis Oosthuizen	SAF	3.70
23. Tim Clark	SAF	3.67
24. Miguel Angel Jimenez	Esp	3.66
25. Alvaro Quirós	Esp	3.63
26. Justin Rose	Eng	3.60
27. Edoardo Molinari	Ita	3.52
28. Adam Scott	Aus	3.44
29. Charl Schwartzel	SAF	3.39
30. Robert Allenby	Aus	3.39
31. Rickie Fowler	USA	3.19
32. Geoff Ogilvy	Aus	3.15
33. Y.E. Yang	Kor	3.11
34. Zach Johnson	USA	3.07
35. Kim Kyung-Tae	Kor	2.97
36. Padraig Harrington	Ir	2.95

SOCCER

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EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	T	Pt	GF	GA
Philadelphia	2	0	0	6	2	0
Chicago	1	0	1	4	4	3
New England	1	0	1	4	3	2
New York	1	0	1	4	1	0
D.C.	1	1	0	3	4	3
Sporting Kansas City	1	1	0	3	5	5
Toronto FC	1	1	1	3	4	4
Houston	0	1	1	1	1	2
Columbus	0	1	1	1	1	3

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	T	Pt	GF	GA
Real Salt Lake	2	0	0	6	5	1
Colorado	2	0	0	6	4	1
Los Angeles	1	1	0	4	3	5
Vancouver	1	1	0	3	4	3
San Jose	1	1	0	3	2	1
Seattle	0	2	1	1	1	3
FC Dallas	0	1	1	1	1	3
Chivas USA	0	2	0	0	2	4
Portland	0	2	0	0	1	5

NOTE: Three points for victory, one pt. for tie.

Tomorrow's game

All times Eastern

FC Dallas at Columbus, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday's games

Chivas USA at Toronto FC, 1 p.m.
Sporting Kansas City at Vancouver, 7 p.m.
Houston at New York, 7:30 p.m.
Portland at New England, 7:30 p.m.
Seattle FC at San Jose, 10:30 p.m.
Philadelphia at Los Angeles, 10:30 p.m.

Sunday's game

D.C. United at Colorado, 7 p.m.

TENNIS

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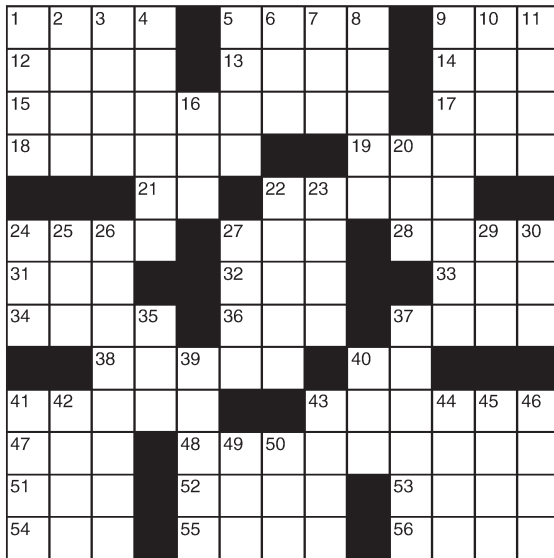
Crossword

Across

1 Teen's woe
5 Cole Porter's "Let's —"
9 "All My Children" airer
12 Surveyor's map
13 Reed instrument
14 Sine — non
15 Tuba's cousin
17 Coffee vessel
18 Rap session?
19 Bit of flora
21 Tagged player
22 Clean the cook-ware
24 Intl. oil group
27 Ovine remark
28 Band's bookings
31 Sister
32 Mountain
33 "— Lazy River"
34 Never again?
36 Spelling contest
37 Mosque VIP
38 Agrees to
40 Either mate
41 About half of all adults
43 Show clearly
47 "The Greatest"
48 P.E. venue
51 H1N1 ailment
52 Future 19-Across
53 Beige
54 Scot's hat
55 "The Price Is Right" props
56 Collections

Down

1 "Planet of the —"
2 Aid for Sherlock
3 California wine

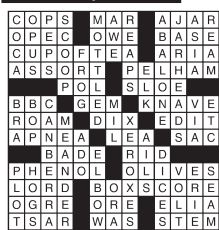


valley
4 Cultural, in a sense
5 Finished
6 Kimono sash
7 Debtor's letters
8 Beat
9 Fishtank
10 Char
11 Lacks the skills
16 Autumn mo.
20 Drag along
22 Red-tag events
23 Part of a superhero costume
24 Lennon's lady
25 Play on words

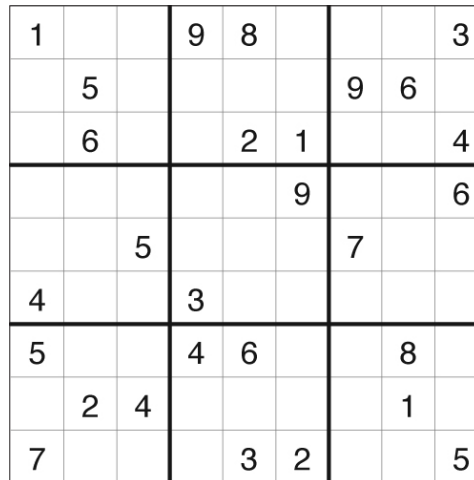
26 Warm praise
27 Infant
29 Coll. transcript
30 Our uncle
35 — out a living
37 Van Gogh painting
39 Uneasy feeling
40 Eggs
41 Float gracefully
42 Earthenware pot
43 Odd's mates
44 Pleasant
45 Rudely brief
46 Ostriches' kin
49 Verily

50 "Family Guy" daughter

Yesterday's answer



Sudoku



How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's answer ▶

1	2	4	6	8	3	5	9	7
5	6	7	2	9	1	3	4	8
9	8	3	4	5	7	2	6	1
4	5	2	8	7	6	1	3	9
6	7	8	3	1	9	4	5	2
3	9	1	5	4	2	7	8	6
2	4	6	7	3	8	9	1	5
8	3	9	1	2	5	6	7	4
7	1	5	9	6	4	8	2	3

Send a KISS

Show some love! Send a note to somebody special at kiss@metronews.ca

Dear Trixx, thanks for the shoutout. Cuba is going to be a blast. 1 problem about the marriage thing, you're my niece. Call me crazy, but I think that's a little illegal and just plain weird. Love all you crazy girls!

Lunatic, we have this crazy rollercoaster type life and I couldn't ask for anything more. u are truly an AMAZING man in every possible way. ur dedication is my inspiration, never stop fighting for YOUR dream. Truly, madly, deeply, I love u forever & a day baby. BEAR <3

Barbie I hope this happy get-well note adds sunshine to your day and shows you that you're thought of in a warm and special way!

xoxo YOURS TRULY, MUFFIN

I know we're young but I know this love is real. Looking forward to our future together. I love you. AMY

Today's horoscope

♈ Aries March 21-April 20

Everyone gets emotional occasionally, so why deny what you feel? Besides, the planets warn if you keep things bottled up inside for too long, you won't do your health any good.

♉ Taurus April 21-May 21

It would be nice if others would change their ways to accommodate your needs but it isn't going to happen and you know it. If there is something you want, the onus is very much on you to get it.

♊ Gemini May 22-June 21

Don't get involved in new situations without thinking about the potential consequences, first. A little caution in your affairs would not be a bad thing over the next 24 hours.

♋ Cancer June 22-July 22

Life is too short to waste time worrying about things that may never happen. Wake up to the fact that this is not a dress rehearsal — this is life. What can you do that will make a difference in the world?

♌ Leo July 23-Aug. 23

Others may not approve of some of the things you do, but that's their problem. Be true to who you are and don't be afraid to be the one who tries something out of the ordinary.

♍ Virgo Aug. 24-Sept. 22

Words come easily to you but they could also work against you, especially if you use them to trick people into believing things that aren't true. Why risk making enemies?

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♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23

You have a lot to do today and if others can't keep up with your relentless pace, that's too bad. There are times you have to get on with life and ignore everything and everyone else.

♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22

Because there have been some difficult aspects over the past few days, you may be struggling to see what there is to smile about. There's plenty. For example, why not get working on your big summer plans?

♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21

You'll make efforts above and beyond the call of duty today but they'll be worth it in the long term. Your future looks very rosy, but you must stick with your action plan.

♑ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20

It'd be nice to believe everyone you do business with is honest, but you know it's not true. Don't give anyone the authority to make decisions for you. That's asking for trouble.

♒ Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18

If you come on too strong today, you could scare away someone whose friendship would have been good for you. Watch what you say and, more importantly, watch how you say it.

♓ Pisces Feb. 19-March 20

It may seem like someone is going out of his or her way to make life difficult for you but most likely you're overreacting. Don't say or do anything that may start an unnecessary feud today. SALLY BROMPTON

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